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Pro, con camps offer differing views
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Furry, feathered or otherwise, animals can be a great source of love and happiness in many lives. On this Valentine's Day, local residents' share their love for their pets through stories and photos found in our annual pet appreciation segment on Pages 8-9.



Homecoming royalty crowned

Kaitlin Binkley was crowned basketball homecoming queen Friday while Gus Heidrich was chosen king. Both are seniors at Crittenden County High School. For a photo of the entire homecoming court, see Page 14.

Americans spend billions on love

Americans are expected to spend \$18.6 billion this year to express their undying love today (Thursday) for their Valentine. That is almost twice Kentucky's current fiscal year budget. Nearly 1-in-5 will be buying jewelry for their special Valentine.

Meetings

■ Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall.

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the judge's courthouse office.

■ Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Will legalization of alcohol sales in neighboring counties since the 2000 vote here impact its 2013 chances in Crittenden County?"

Two-thirds of voters believe the success of local option elections in nearby communities like Lyon County and Princeton could have an effect on the outcome in Crittenden County. Here is what 420 voters said:

- Yes, 281 (66%)
- No, 111 (26%)
- Unsure, 26 (6%)
- Need more info, 2 (1%)

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15 things to know about alcohol sales

STAFF REPORT

In Kentucky, where the laws regulating alcoholic beverages are so complex that Gov. Steve Beshear last year commissioned a task force to study revising those regulations, discussing liquor sales can be like walking a mine field. Last week's story on the local petition for a countywide referendum on alcohol sales had a key misstatement about income potential to local government.

To help rectify the situation, we have made an effort to provide as much information as possible based on a 40-page PowerPoint document provided by Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and other official reports. Following is a list of 15 facts

related alcohol sales in Kentucky.

1. Local government does, indeed, stand to gain revenue from the lifting of local prohibition. Last week, we reported that neither the city nor county would receive revenue from liquor sales other than through issuing licenses. That is incorrect.

Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) do limit the methods through which municipalities can benefit financially from alcohol sales, but do not prohibit such. "The state constitution does not allow local sales taxes (on liquor), but KRS 243.075 does allow for a local regulatory license fee to be imposed," said Matt Warfield of the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

In Trigg County, where alcohol

sales were legalized in 2010, more than \$160,800 was generated for the fiscal court alone through that fee in 2012. Separately, the City of Cadiz collected its own regulatory fees from establishments within its city limits.

"Local governmental officials often inaccurately label it a 'tax' since it can be based upon a percentage of sales. Fourth-class cities and counties containing a fourth-class (city) are permitted to impose a regulatory license fee to offset the costs of regulating alcoholic beverages," Stephen B. Humphress, general counsel for Kentucky Department of ABC clarified. "This fee is in addition to regular

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Trusty walks away from dentention center Sunday



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Kentucky State Police and local authorities spent most of Sunday searching for an inmate who walked away from a work detail at Crittenden County Detention Center. Above, Trooper 1st Class Mark Combs handles a canine unit searching for the runaway, Jason Scott Arkenberg, between Ky. 91 North and Old Salem Road. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's local highway garage, where Arkenberg was believed to have holed up for a period, is in the background.

Manhunt ends without incident

STAFF REPORT

The search for an inmate who walked away Sunday from a work detail at Crittenden County Detention Center ended without incident about nine hours after it began.

Jason Scott Arkenberg of Louisville gave himself up to authorities peacefully after being located at the former Turner and Conyer sawmill around 3:30 p.m. He was returned to the local jail and charged with several crimes on top of those for which he was already serving.

Crittenden County Jailer Rick Riley said Arkenberg walked away from the facility around 6:30 a.m. Sunday while emptying trash on kitchen duty. The jailer said the inmate, incarcerated locally since March 2011, escaped the watch of his guard while retrieving a piece of cardboard that had fallen to the ground.

"He just slipped around the corner and took off," Riley said.

Arkenberg, a state inmate, was housed on charges of arson, receiving

stolen property and fleeing or evading police. Riley said he was not considered dangerous, having been approved by state corrections as a community-level inmate considered appropriate for minimal supervision on work details.

After Arkenberg fled the jail, Kentucky State Police were informed and a multi-agency manhunt began, utilizing jail deputies, state police and accompanying canine units, Marion

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Bill would name 641 for Hardin, Rep. Cherry

STAFF REPORT

State Sen. Dorsey Ridley has introduced a legislative measure that would name the segment of the new U.S. 641 under construction between Marion and Fredonia for late Crittenden County Judge-Executive Victor "Pippi" Hardin and retired state Rep. Mike Cherry of Princeton.



Hardin

Senate Joint Resolution 17, offered by the Henderson Democrat last month, recognizes the efforts of both men to move the massive project from concept to construction. The proposal credits both

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Benefit held for church hit by twister

STAFF REPORT

A special benefit dinner and concert to help rebuild North Livingston Baptist Church will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at New Union General Baptist Church in Lola. Chili, soup and sandwiches will be served to concert-goers.

A portion of the Hampton church was destroyed by an EF-2 tornado in January. Since that time, the North Livingston Baptist Church congregation has been holding services at North Livingston Elementary School in Burna.



Wilcox

The Together We Stand Concert will start at 5:30 p.m. with Mayfield group Jasper Dawn performing. At 6:30 p.m., Christian country music artist Eric Horner will perform an acoustic set. Following Horner will be the group One United, which will perform at 7 p.m.

Kent Wilcox, a local resident and member of One United, said a friend from Grand Rivers is acquainted with Horner and contacted him about the possibility of playing the benefit.

"She knows him personally. She told me he's willing to come and sing," Wilcox said. "I believe he's driving from Nashville Saturday. He's going to be performing an acoustic set."

Wilcox said his band was formed last year, performing a praise and worship concert in August. He said it was important to be a part of the benefit.

A former classmate of North Livingston pastor Danny Starrick, Wilcox said he wanted to help promote the benefit and was encouraged to see many churches come together to support the North Livingston congregation.

Screening to challenge perceptions, attitudes of young women



Free film screening

"Miss Representation," a documentary by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival last year and will be shown at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The film is presented by the Woman's Club of Marion.

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

The Woman's Club of Marion will host a special night devoted to bringing attention to how women are represented in positions of power and influence.

The film "Miss Representation" will be screened at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. Following the 90-minute documentary, a panel discussion and question-and-answer session will be held.

Rebecca Zahrt, the vice president of the Woman's Club of Marion, encourages parents and girls 14 and older to attend the screening and the discussion that will follow.

"Some of the concepts of the film are more adult-oriented," Zahrt explained. "We realize not everybody in the community is going to have someone in their home that

will be able to sit down and talk to (children) and explain these concepts."

The documentary was written, directed and produced by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, a filmmaker, speaker and former actress. The film includes powerful interviews with Katie Couric, Condoleezza Rice, Rachel Maddow, Geena Davis, Nancy Pelosi, Margaret Cho and Gloria Steinem.

In addition to making this movie that premiered at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, Newsom launched MissRepresentation.org, which advocates for women and girls to realize their full potential.

Zahrt said one topic the film addresses is advertising and the amount of ads seen on a daily basis by teenage

girls from both traditional and social media.

"One of the statistics reported in the film is teenagers, especially teenage girls, consume on average 10 hours of media a day. They're looking at the advertisements they see on Facebook or when browsing Internet sites. They see ads in the magazines they might read and TV shows that they watch. A great majority of those ads place women in a position that is inappropriate," Zahrt said. "Unfortunately, we are inundated and have really become immune to the images seen on a day-to-day basis. And we think it's normal."

"But why is it normal? It shouldn't be normal."

Girls age 11 to 14 are blasted by some 500 adver-

tisements a day, according to information promoting the event.

The film challenges perceptions and attitudes that can lead to wrong thinking patterns by both young women and men.

"Women are taught in school to think for themselves," Zahrt said. "But they are getting the opposite (impression) in the real world. In the real world, the media, advertisements and movies are being pushed at young girls at a very impressionable age with the message that their worth is based on what they look like and what their bodies look like. That not only affects the women, but it affects the men."

Zahrt said the film references some noteworthy statistics. For example, the United

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Senators tackle pension reform

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort last week to reconvene the 2013 regular session of the General Assembly.

With the clock ticking on a short, 30-day session, legislators quickly began tackling this year's top priorities.

One of the biggest challenges facing lawmakers is strengthening the state's public employee retirement system and addressing the unfunded liability. Recent estimates predict a \$30 billion shortfall in the state's pension system due to partial funding in previous budget cycles and lower-than-expected returns on investments. Members heard testimony that the fund could be insolvent in as little as five years.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley
(D-Henderson)
Senate District 4



Senate in Review

Due to the urgency of the situation, the Senate approved a proposal last week that mirrored the plan recommended by a legislative task force that worked with state and national pension experts throughout the interim.

Senate Bill 2, which passed by a 33-5 vote with me supporting the measure, requires the commonwealth to pay the full actuarially re-

quired contribution (ARC) to the pension system by fiscal year 2015.

Under the bill, employees hired after July 1, 2013, would be placed in a hybrid cash-balance plan, incorporating aspects of a defined contribution plan and defined benefits plans. Those employees would be guaranteed a 4-percent annual return on contributions. Returns over 4 percent would be divided—75 percent to the employee and 25 percent to the state pension fund to help further stabilize it. Experts say the hybrid cash-balance plan is more predictable and sustainable than the defined benefit plan currently provided to public employees and retirees. It is also more consistent with

what the private sector has been moving towards for years. It is also portable.

Even though the bill has left the Senate, pension reform is not a settled issue. The Senate bill still has to be considered by the House of Representatives, which will likely make changes to the bill. If passed by the House, differences between the two chambers must be reconciled before the measure can be signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear.

It is difficult to negotiate any bill of this complexity in a short session. But the members of the General Assembly are committed to working diligently in the remaining days of session.

Also last week, Gov. Beshear delivered his State

of the Commonwealth address in a joint session of the General Assembly and outlined his proposals for moving the state forward.

Some of the measures that he would like lawmakers to consider are reforming the public employee pension system; raising the dropout age to 18 years old; reforming Kentucky's antiquated tax code; strengthening drug abuse laws and approving university bonded projects. The governor also proposed measures to protect Kentucky's children through increased booster seat use, tougher penalties for texting while driving and enhanced prenatal screening.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Senate will be reviewing the governor's recommendations along with the bills filed in the Senate and those passed by the House. The Kentucky General Assembly has big tasks before it this year, but every member is committed to working together for a better Kentucky.

Your feedback helps to ensure that every aspect of the issue is considered.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the senate since 2004 after an eight-year tenure in the House. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Henderson, Webster and Union counties in Frankfort. He can be reached there by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181, or by e-mail at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

Lawmaker aims to protect rights, limit lawmaker pay

After a three-week break, members of the General Assembly returned to Frankfort last week for Part 2 of the 2013 legislative session. For the next five weeks the House and Senate will debate numerous proposals.

The week started with the governor's annual State of the Commonwealth Address delivered to a joint session of the House and Senate. Typically, the address focuses on the accomplishments made for the betterment of Kentucky, but this year's address focused on the serious fiscal challenges our commonwealth faces.

According to the governor, the projected revenue won't cover current and prior commitments, including areas of education and our public pension system. While acknowledging Kentucky's financial problems, few specifics were offered. The governor tried to tie pension reform to tax reform, but my sense is that there is little appetite in the House to do that.

Several major pieces of

Rep. Lynn Bechler
(R-Marion)
House District 4



House in Review

legislation were placed on the fast track. House Bill 7 was approved in committee and passed out of the House last week. This legislation authorizes funding for 11 projects at our public universities, including the expansion of the Gatton School of Business at the University of Kentucky and construction of new dorms or renovation of existing dorms at Morehead State, Murray State and Northern Kentucky universities. The legislation would allow these schools to issue their own bonds to pay for their respective projects.

To me, a key piece of this legislation was that the cost will be covered totally by the universities themselves. I voted for the bill.

House Bill 1 was also approved in committee and passed in the House. The bill deals with the various special taxing districts that generate billions of dollars throughout the commonwealth and sets up greater oversight of their operation. While the goal was laudable and the bill did pass, I was concerned about the lack of control over these districts by local government, the fee system set up specifically to hire more employees at the State Auditor's office for the purpose of monitoring these districts and the fact that the bill allowed fees to be raised without legislative approval should the "Department of Local Government deem it necessary."

I was also concerned that the estimated fiscal impact to city and county governments was found to be "indeterminable" under certain circumstances. I was worried about the effect the bill might potentially have for small volunteer fire departments and thought that certain local agencies such as

Staying in touch with Frankfort

The Kentucky General Assembly's website, www.lrc.ky.gov, provides information on each of the commonwealth's senators and representatives, including phone numbers, addressees and committee assignments. The site also provides a bill-tracking service and committee meeting schedules.

By going to the eNews page, www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listserv.htm, you can subscribe to frequent e-mail updates on what is happening at the Capitol. In addition, the General Assembly has its own blog, Capitol Notes, at www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm, that will allow you to receive legislative updates at your leisure.

You can also follow legislative

Amendment right to keep and bear arms and 10th Amendment states' rights.

I anticipate that debate will soon begin in the House on a proposal for reform of Kentucky's public pension system. Senate Bill 2 was approved by that chamber last week and is based on recommendations from a bipartisan task force that studied our public pension system this past year. Our current pension system is woefully underfunded and is running an unfunded liability of more than \$33 billion. We must address the system now to avoid worse financial problems later.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you. Your input is most welcome.

Rep. Bechler is a first-term Republican representative from Marion. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. He can be reached there by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181, or by e-mail at lynn.bechler@lrc.ky.gov.



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Horns of plenty

In the foreground, Tara Williams (left) and Braden Locke make their brass contributions to the Crittenden County High School Band during a performance at Friday's homecoming festivities. The band is directed by Jon Nash.

Additional charges levied in 'chop shop' operation

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Police continue to investigate the Livingston County "chop shop" operation that was raided on Jan. 31, leading to the arrest of Joseph Shane Robinson.

The 38-year-old Hampton man was initially charged with four counts of receiving stolen property, but as a result of the ongoing investigation, state police charged Robinson with 10 additional felonies on Feb. 6. He is now facing 14 felony charges.

The initial charges stemmed from a multi-agency law enforcement investigation. Information obtained by authorities led to the execution of a search warrant at the rural property. Troopers and detectives with the state police, along with sheriffs' deputies from several counties, carried out the search on Duley Road near Hampton.

At the property, authorities discovered numerous items reported stolen. In all, this investigation has now led to the recovery of five stolen Harley Davidson motorcycles and Harley Davidson parts from four states. It has also resulted in charges related to three stolen trailers and the recovery of two of those trailers. One of those was reported stolen from Buntin Trailer Sales in Sheridan to the sheriff's department in Crittenden County. Additionally, furniture and electronics have been recovered in the sting.

The bikes and trailers were believed to be part of a chop shop operation where stolen items were disassembled for the purpose of selling parts.

To date, Robinson has been formally charged with two counts of receiving stolen property over \$500; two counts of receiving stolen property under \$10,000; four counts of receiving stolen property over \$10,000; one count of obscuring the identity of a machine under \$10,000; and five counts of first-degree criminal mischief. All charges are either Class C or Class D felonies, each of which carry jail sentences of five to 10 years and one to five years, respectively.

The investigation is continuing by state police, and more arrests are pending.

Robinson remains lodged in the McCracken County Jail on \$15,000 bond.

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\$184 BILLION

Total Health Care Expenditures \$26.34 BILLION

Total Productivity Impact\$124.21 BILLION

Crime, Property Destruction, Welfare \$24.09 BILLION

TOTAL\$184.00 BILLION

PLUS Treatment for Abuse \$61.30 BILLION

GRAND TOTAL\$245.30 BILLION

The Liberals support this, yet they say they are the Champions of the poor.
Not true, else they would not drink up all this and let the poor starve.

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Legalizing alcohol sales: 2 sides to every story

Capitalize on what is already present

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
GUEST COMMENTARY

When it comes to this alcohol referendum, I often think of the telephone game we once played as children: You whisper a sentence in a friend's ear and so on until it reaches the end and by that time, the sentence is no longer what was originally stated. The talk about this referendum can be compared to that game, one thing can get said and by the time it reaches people, it's full of misinformation.

My stance on the sale of alcohol is purely for the benefit of the community, directly and indirectly. Our community needs a new source of revenue, and alcohol sales are an untapped market. We have to face the fact there really isn't any new source of money coming in unless we keep undergoing more taxation, and who wants that? Restaurants selling by the drink and stores that sell package alcohol will help bring much-needed revenue to the county.

Indirectly, selling alcohol will be a source of added job opportunities. Most companies who look to establish their businesses often gauge potential locations on whether a county is wet; not because they look to sell alcohol, per se, but they want to see if the county has a wide enough draw to bring costumers in. If restaurants were given the opportunity to sell alcohol by the drink, there's the possibility of more restaurants being opened in our community, which requires more waiters, bartenders, cooks, managers and more.

A lot of chatter has been, "Let's force the drinkers to buy out of county so they have to spend the money on gas and maybe they won't have any left over for alcohol." While this may seem like a good idea due to the "not in my backyard" stance, it only hurts the county. I can attest that several Crittenden Countians travel out of county at least once a week to enjoy an adult beverage and end up not just dining out, but shopping and other things—all requiring money that could easily be kept in our county.

I often hear businesses say, "Shop local, shop Marion." Well, how can we do that if so many of us are leaving town to spend our money elsewhere?

A friend of mine recently said that he and his wife decided they wanted to eat out. Instead of staying in Marion, they opted to travel out of county where they could enjoy an alcoholic beverage with their meal. "Not only did I spend money going somewhere else to eat, but we also shopped and I bought gas. I spent \$85 out of town when it could've been spent here."

Marion was once a thriving community with a drive-in movie theater, several restaurants and more. While it's still a decent community, it isn't as thriving as it

“Whether you want to admit it or not, alcohol is here and will always be here.”

— Jerritt Hovey-Brown
on supporting alcohol sales

once was. If I recall a past column (editor) Daryl K. Tabor had written, I believe he called us a dying community. We may not have the lakes like Lyon County or a four-lane highway, but we do have enough to draw outside visitors everyday, and by selling alcohol, it would help to bring outside visitors and added business.

The Main Street Italian Grill has customers who drive here from surrounding counties on a daily basis, as does Chubby's and several other restaurants. Imagine the increase of patronage if they were able to sell alcohol.

I ask that you look around sometime when you're in Marion. How many empty commercial buildings do you see? I can count three off the top of my head and that's just what's inside town. Those buildings could be utilized for the greater good. If there's a potential of making money by selling alcohol, there's a potential for more local shopping, which means a future possibility of more businesses and more jobs. Maybe Crittenden County could be thriving once more.

Take a look at other counties or cities that have recently voted wet—Princeton has quoted an increase of money for the county and Murray has been able to add three uniformed officers to their school system thanks to the money made from alcohol.

A misconception that is being passed around is if the county is voted wet, there will be liquor stores on every corner. As stated in last week's Crittenden Press article, there would only be a limited number of liquor licenses, which would limit where alcohol could be sold. I hate seeing so many claim otherwise, further turning off people. It's just not true.

And simple research could remedy that.

Other concerns have also been about a possible increase in drunk driving. Studies show that wet counties have fewer DUIs than those of dry counties. The reason simply being, why give someone a 45-minute opportunity to drink when a five-minute drive would help ensure their safe arrival at home? Not to mention, county liquor sales help cut down on underage drinking, often forcing bootleggers to become legitimate businesses or to quit selling.

Crittenden County is a dry county by legal standards, but in no way is it dry. Whether you want to admit it or not, alcohol is here and will always be here. Why not capitalize on legitimate sales for the economic benefit of the community?



Do we really want to inflict more pain?

By LUCY TEDRICK
PRESS COLUMNIST

Cancer has hit so many of our good men in Crittenden County, and now do we want to inflict more pain and temptation on the ones left, as well as the young men coming on, breaking more wives' and mothers' hearts?

My first column for this year started with "2013 is termed 'The New Year' but to my sorrow, there is nothing new about this one." The title was "A new year, but same old evil tinging in."

My, how soon that prophecy is being fulfilled as Satan raising his evil head.

Our people are hurting with higher prices on everything, our nation is being sucked dry by America-haters in our government and the worst of them are trying to take away our Second Amendment rights.

On top of all of this, some women in our county are asking us to vote in the sale of alcohol, which includes people drinking it in our restaurants with meals and coffee breaks, alcohol sold in our grocery stores and liquor stores opening up in town, which I'm told is the aspiration one of these women has already voiced.

Women were put on earth to help men live a better life, not make it easier to sin or to put temptation before them as Eve did, which not only hurt Adam, but all the rest of the human race.

Many of the fatal accidents in Crittenden County over the past few years have been alcohol-related. Who really wants to push something that takes lives who might be our own or a loved one?

The cost to us taxpayers is \$14,000 just to have a special election for it.

As for it bringing in more money to the restaurants or stores, I can assure you it would cost them more customers than what they would bring in.

No one can point to alcohol doing any good for anyone, but all of us can point to the grief, death, bad health, broken homes, broken children and wives and children it puts on welfare for which we all pay. We can point to the loss of jobs, more police paid by the taxpayers, more taxpayer money spent on keeping many alcohol users in jail for many various related crimes and another raise in our taxes, both in Marion and the county.

How anyone would want to bring something so damning, divisive, destructive, detrimental and debilitating to this small peaceful town and county is beyond my comprehension.

“Christians, please help us pray that the petition’s goal will fail.”

— Lucy Tedrick
on opposing alcohol sales



he would have any confidence in what you are saying? Is that a risk you are willing to take when an eternal soul is at stake?

Christians, please help us pray that the petition's goal will fail, that there are not 1,000 people in Crittenden County willing to trade what we have here to what alcohol would turn us into...a liquor store on Main Street, our restaurants turned into afternoon taverns and many people whom are now respected losing more than they ever could gain.

All the commandments in the Bible are wrapped up in only two: "Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourself," reads Luke 10:27.

As God proved in His eternal punishment to Cain, we are to be our brother's keeper. When we fail, we, too, will suffer.

Gun locks available at sheriff's office

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has scores of free firearm safety kits available to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed until the department runs out. Project ChildSafe has distributed 35 million kits since 2003 and is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm," said Sheriff Wayne Agent. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock."

Canine's nose leads to arrest of Salem man

STAFF REPORT

A Salem man was arrested in Paducah last Thursday morning on drug charges after being stopped for a speeding violation.

Shaun E. Hunter, 29, was taken into custody by Paducah city police and charged with speeding, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of marijuana.

According to a police report, Officer Lofton Rowley clocked a Hunter's Lincoln at 65 mph in a 55 mph zone at Paducah's west city limit on U.S. 60.

Rowley reported he walked his canine unit, Fox, around the car, and the dog gave an alert to the officer near the driver's side door. Once inside the car, Fox led Rowley to check under the driver's seat, where he found seven bags of suspected methamphetamine and one small bag of marijuana.

Three ounces of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$8,400 was seized by Rowley. Also seized was \$1,054 in cash and Hunter's 2008 Lincoln LS.

Hunter was booked into McCracken County Regional Jail.

Senate OKs abortion bills

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Doctors would be required to make ultrasound images available to women seeking abortions and mandate women get face-to-face consultations with medical professionals before undergoing abortions under separate legislation passed by the Senate Friday.

Both bills passed the GOP-controlled Senate 31-4, with Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) supporting both. Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) said he would back both bills, though there may not be support in the Democratic-controlled House for them to reach the floor.

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Police Department and Crittenden County's Sheriff's Department. Dogs were unable to trace the inmate's scent as rain began to fall, but Arkenberg was believed at one point to be holed up in the state road garage off Old Salem Road.

In fact, Heath Martin, supervisor of the state road crew, was alerted to the possibility and found several broken windows and other vandalism at the building when he arrived Sunday morning to check out things.

"When I opened the door, I think I may have disturbed him," said Martin, who believes the inmate fled the scene at that time.

Arkenberg had worked at the state garage between trusty stints at the county road department and on the jail's mowing crew. Martin said the man did not seem to be a problem-maker and usually kept to himself.

Besides the vandalism, Martin said it appeared Arkenberg made off with about \$50 from the employees' snack fund. A kitchen utensil having been sharpened, with black tape wrapped around it as a possible handle for the shank, was

Arkenberg

also found.

Martin said it appeared the inmate was in the building for quite some time.

Arkenberg is also believed to have taken a pair of camouflage coveralls from the facility. When he was located not far from the building inside a structure at the former Turner and Conyer sawmill, he was wearing the coveralls.

Trooper Stu Recke, a state police spokesman, said Arkenberg was charged Sunday with escape, burglary for his actions at the sawmill and state highway building, theft for items taken from the road garage and criminal mischief for the damage at the facility.

Recke said Marion police were very helpful in the apprehension of Arkenberg. State police Detective Lloyd Ray was heading the case.

Sunday was the third incident of a community-level inmate walking away from work detail since the jail opened in 2008. Previously, occurrences involved a man slipping away from supervisors while cleaning along the roadside and two men assigned to the county road department stealing a truck and fleeing to eastern Kentucky where they were caught. Riley said all three cases ended without incident or harm to any individuals.

All four walkaways were state inmates deemed by Kentucky's correctional system to be suited for community work detail. No county-designated trusty has ever escaped oversight, Riley pointed out.

While the jailer said any in-

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ThePressOBITUARIES

Wheeler

Howard W. "Punk" Wheeler, 86, of Marion died Feb. 4, 2013, at Bradford Heights Health and Rehab in Hopkinsville.

He was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church.

Wheeler is survived by two daughters, Lisa Trent of Princeton and Carol Newman of Hopkinsville; one son, Wayne Wheeler of Marion;

four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Nell Wheeler; parents, Nolan and Lotie Wheeler; and two brothers.

Services were last Thursday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Reddick

Ellis "Jake" Reddick, 74, of Hopkinsville, formerly of Madisonville, died Feb. 10, 2013, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville.

He was born March 19, 1938, in Princeton.

Reddick was a U.S. Army veteran and owner-operator of Star Construction Co. He was named builder of the year several times and was a member of the Hopkins County Home Builder's Association and National Association of Home Builders. He also retired from L & N Railroad after 20 years of service.

Reddick also helped start several churches in the area and was a member of Covenant Community Church.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Diane Reddick; two daughters, Stefanie and husband Jaime Crowell of Madisonville and Amy and Dr.

David Bealle of Hopkinsville; one son, Todd and wife Michelle Reddick of Marion; one brother, Wallace "Buddy" Reddick of Pearl, Miss.; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Jake and Annie Frances Oliver Reddick and one brother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covenant Community Church in Madisonville with Pastor Michael Knight, Rev. Glen Hobgood and Pastor Charlie Weir officiating. Burial will follow in Greenhill Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Care Food Bank of Madisonville or OrdinaryHero.org. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.barnettstrother.com.

Duvall

Charles Ray "Bubby" Duvall Jr., 71, of Marion died Feb. 4, 2013, at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a former employee of the county road department.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela Kay Duvall of Marion; one son, Jonathan Duvall of Marion; two daughters, Shelly Cullen of Marion and Candy Bauer of Michigan City, Ind.; two brothers, Steve Duvall of Parker, Colo., and Donnie Duvall of Chandler, Ind.; two sisters, Bettie June Tremper of Friendship, Wisc., and Carolyn Casper of Newburgh, Ind.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Ray and Nelda Duvall Sr., three brothers and one sister.

Services were Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Rosebud Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Dr., Paducah, KY 42003.

Day

Charlotte Ann Day, 72, of Smithland died Feb. 8, 2013, at Mercy Sacred Heart Village in Louisville.

Day was born in the Berry's Ferry community on Oct. 4, 1940, to Etrick and Nola Clark May.

She worked beside her late husband, Livingston County Sheriff Jack Day, as a deputy in her early years and helped establish the D.A.R.E. program in Livingston County schools. Day also worked as a nurse for many years at Salem Hospital and several other hospitals in the area, as well as working in the office of Dr. Roscoe Faulkner. She finished her career as a nurse practitioner with Drs. Barnes, Gavin and Yazigi at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

Day had several personal interests, including history and travel in the United States and internationally. She was active in the Trail of Tears Association and helped to secure designation of the Mantle Rock area as the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

She is survived by a son, David Day of Lexington, formerly of Livingston County; one sister, Marilyn Nichols of Louisville; one niece, Suzanne Lorenz of West Lafayette, Ind.; one sister-in-law, Doris Kiebler of Paducah; and numerous nephews and nieces from her husband's side of the family.

Day was preceded in death by her husband; one sister, Genevieve May; her parents, Etrick and Nola Clark May; her grandparents, Paul and Bertha May and John and Georgia Clark. From her husband's side of the family, she was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Peggy Schade and Ella Mae Hardin.

Funeral services were Monday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Mike Grimes officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, 131 Hospital Dr., Salem, KY 42078 or Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 57 Gilbertsville, KY 42044.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

(Note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Hardin

Ralph Randel Hardin, 85, of Burna died Feb. 11, 2013, at his home after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was an agency manager of Livingston County Farm Bureau for almost 46 years, working side-by-side



Hardin

with his eldest son, Joel Hardin, for 23 years. In his spare time, he managed a cattle farm with his sons as well. In addition, he served on the Jackson Purchase Rural Electric Cooperative board for 25 years and Big Rivers Electric Cooperative in Henderson for approximately 10 years. Hardin was also a member of the Masonic Lodge for the past 40 years.

Hardin loved his family and friends and enjoyed life in the outdoors. Horseback riding and hunting were two of his favorite activities. He was also a loyal fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and the University of Kentucky basketball team.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mattie Louise (Loveless) Hardin; three children, Ralph Joel Hardin Jr. and significant other Debra Croft, Yvonne and husband T.L. Maddux

Jr. of Salem and Ty Ray and wife Pamalyn (Barnes) Hardin of Burna; three sisters, Frances Ramage of South Carolina, Glidel and husband Chuck Sexton of Michigan and Agnes and husband Bernie Travis of Michigan; two brothers, Bobby and wife Nancy Hardin of Michigan and Wallace Hardin of Florida.

Also surviving are his pride and joy, grandchildren Chadman Tyler Ralph Hardin and Marie Vonne Hardin and great-granddaughter Peyton Rylee Hardin of Burna. Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and his beloved Jack Russell and sidekick, Patch, also survive.

Hardin was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Hardin; two sisters, Betty Long and Charlotte Holland; and his parents, Crossland and Florene Hardin.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

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Bills aim to save smelter jobs, could raise rural electric rates

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Legislation has been filed in Frankfort in an effort to keep two western Kentucky aluminum smelter plants open and save more than 1,000 jobs, but a regional utility warns that effort could result in higher electric rates for its customers.

Bills from Owensboro's Sen. Joe Bowen and Rep. Tommy Thompson would allow Century Aluminum in Hawesville and Rio Tinto Alcan in Sebree, where several Crittenden Countians work, to purchase electricity differently to reduce costs and remain open.

Henderson-based Big Rivers Electric Corp. says the bills, if passed as written, could lead to drastically higher electric rates for rural customers, including those of Kenergy Corp. in Crittenden County.

Kenergy, which delivers

power from Big Rivers to the smelters, has been trying to negotiate a deal with Century and Alcan and will propose amendments to the bills. The utility is also contacting customers, some locally, asking them to urge their lawmakers to oppose the bills as presented.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) said the bills' aim has a broad effect on all utilities in the commonwealth. "It deregulates what we have regulated by the Public Service Commission in Kentucky," he said.

He added that the legislation was filed without the prior knowledge of other western Kentucky lawmakers, as well as Alcan and Big Rivers, both based in Ridley's district.

"I have no decision on this yet," he said Monday. "This is one we need to sit down and work out."

FILM

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States places 90th in the world for the number of women in national legislatures. Women also hold only 3 percent of important positions in the mainstream media.

Other statistics highlighted in the film document the difficulties girls and women have with perceptions about their appearance. For instance, 53 percent of 13-year-old girls are reportedly unhappy with their bodies. That number increases to 78 percent by age 17. Approximately 65 percent of women and girls altogether have eating disorders.

The discussion following

the screening will be led by a panel of women from the community speaking on the film's concepts. There will also be an opportunity to have a question-and-answer segment from those in attendance. The panel will include moderator Rebecca Johnson, Rev. Terra Sisco, Jill Croft and Karen Maddux.

"As a member of the Woman's Club, I just felt it was important for us to have a screening for the community and invite people to come in and to be able to sit down and talk about this film," Zahrtre said. "Hopefully, we will be able to have a really good discussion in our community of how we can change this mindset."

BILL

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Hardin and Cherry for envisioning the safety and economic benefits to Crittenden County. The road will stand as a testament to bipartisan achievement —



Cherry

Hardin was a Republican, and Cherry is a Democrat.

But the recognition is not a sure thing and it could be late this session before the measure is brought before lawmakers for consideration, cautioned Ridley.

"Normally, all of these road naming resolutions are rolled into one motion and passed super late in the session," he said.

SR17 was posted last month to the Senate Transportation Committee on which Ridley serves. Officially, the proposal would direct the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to designate the new U.S. 641 in Crittenden County as the "Former State Rep. Mike Cherry and Former County Judge-Executive Victor 'Pippi' Hardin Highway." Appropriate signage would also be erected.

This first leg of the road—

Marion to Fredonia—is well under way. Ground was ceremoniously broken on Feb. 15, 2012, for "grade and drain" construction of the \$18 million, 5.5-mile project. Hardin, who was in his final days of fighting cancer, was unable to attend the ceremony with Cherry, Ridley and other dignitaries, but was pleased to see his work come to fruition.

Hardin lost his battle just two weeks later on March 1. Cherry retired from his legislative seat at the end of last year after 14 years.

Ridley's resolution recognizes the two men for other successful efforts to further the county and the 4th House District. The Blackford Veterans Walk of Honor, construction of the Ed-Tech Center in Marion, extension of municipal water service to county residents and airport improvements are specifically named as some of Hardin's other accomplishments.

The second leg of the new U.S. 641 will route west of Fredonia to closely follow the existing highway within a few miles of Eddyville. When complete, the new highway will connect to Interstate 69.



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Event raises money for scholarships

Denis and Shannon Hodge are shown above signing copies of "Life Without My Point Guard" for Audra and Sydney Hunt Sunday at Marion Baptist Church. The book is about the loss of the couple's son, Jake, who died suddenly in 2008 at the age of 12. Proceeds from the event go to the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund. Crittenden County Public Library will host another book-signing for the Hodges from 10 a.m. to noon on March 23.

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Prepare to give an answer for your hope

I want to continue our devotionals centered around this topic, "Be Ready to Give an Answer." We've taken our thought from I Peter 3:15 where we read, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

What answer would you give to someone who asked you questions like this? Do you believe that everybody who does not agree with you is going to hell, or do you think that your way is the only way to be saved? These questions are becoming increasingly common in our day of tolerance and relativism.

What do I mean by this? Tolerance and relativism are concepts of thinking that all religions and faiths have credence with God and should not be scrutinized or criticized by anyone.

So, how would you reply? When someone asks questions like these, the focus must be turned upon



Joey Durham
Stepping stones
Crittenden Press guest columnist

what truly matters, and in saying that, you must let the individual know that what you believe doesn't really matter.

Just because I believe something does not make it true. Rather, what we are concerned about is what the Word of God says and teaches, because it is God's Word to mankind. So it is helpful to let the person who asked the question know that what you believe is really unimportant, but what the Lord says is of utmost importance.

So what does the Lord say concerning questions pertaining to the way to be saved and escape hell? In John 3:16-18, the Lord told Nicodemus, "For God so

loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

We must let others know that the real focus of our beliefs is on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, not a church, not a religious leader and not a denominational agenda. According to these scriptures, all who die without a biblical relationship with Jesus Christ will die in their sins and will also pay the penalty for their rejection of Jesus Christ, whether they agree with us or not.

It is Jesus Himself who declared that no one can have a relationship with God apart from personal faith in Him. In John 14:6, the Bible

says, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

This would be a good time to ask those who question you what they believe. Their answer will say much. You may find they really have no authoritative, Bible basis for their belief, but rather only a historical "church council" mandate to follow or a fuzzy "feel-good" experience of emotionalism. You may also hear the following types of answers:

- "I have my own religion."
- "I'm very active in my own church."
- "This preacher saved me and baptized me."

What must be believed must be based upon not a mortal man of the past or present, but upon the Word of the "God-man," the Christ, the Word of God.

(Rev. Joey Durham is pastor at Sturgis Baptist Church. Scripture is taken from the King James Version of the Bible.)

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Church notes

■ A Valentine's party for children and youth will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church. A hot dog supper will be followed by games and a Bible story by David Drennan. For more information call Interim Pastor Bro. Jerrell White at 625-8904 or the church at 965-4623.

■ Movie Night will be held at 7 p.m., on Saturday at Life in Christ Church. There will be free popcorn and drinks. For more information call the church at 965-9200.

■ The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind., are holding a Come and See event for high school girls, freshmen to seniors scheduled Feb. 15-17. This is a chance to learn what it is like to be a nun in today's world. Pray, eat, and recreate with the sisters. For more information call Sis. Michelle Sinkhorn at (800) 738-9999, or visit www.the-dome.org, where you can also register online, or e-mail vocation@thedome.org. Parent permission is required.

■ A benefit for North Livingston Baptist Church will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at Union Baptist Church (Ditney) in Lola. There will be a variety of church groups singing along with a soup and chili dinner. All donations go to North Livingston Baptist Church.

■ The Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet following the morning worship service Sunday. Those interested in the upkeep of the cemetery are encouraged to attend.

■ Mexico Baptist Church will be hosting a wild game supper at 5 p.m., on Feb. 23. Anyone with wild game to donate for this supper should contact Robert Kirby.

■ The Pinkneyville Baptist Church outside of Salem invites you to experi-

ence the best in next generation worship music in a challenging message of hope from noted author and speaker Jamie Ragle at 5 p.m., on Feb. 23. If you need a ride contact Bro. Jimmy Wring, 217-1783 or Gary Driver 988-3354.

■ Upward Practice is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Thursday at Marion Baptist Church. The FLC Walking Track and Weight Room will be open on Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

■ Marion Baptist Church will be hosting AWANA for children age 2 through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m.; Youth Bible Study for grades six to 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Financial Peace Class at 5:45 p.m.; Scrapbooking Class at 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible/Prayer Class at 6:30 p.m.; Men's Bible Study Class at 6:30 p.m.; Revival Principles Class at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 965-5232.

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Bechler speaks at brunch

Nancy Hunt, president of the Woman's Club of Marion, is pictured with state Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion who was the guest speaker at the club's membership brunch on Feb. 2 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 14

■ A chronic disease self-management class will be held at 1 p.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

■ A Valentine dinner and dance will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

Friday, Feb. 15

■ Bingo will start at 10:30 a.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

■ A Diabetes Support Group will be held at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. The meeting is open to the public. The guest speaker will be Jill Croft, APRN. For further information call the Extension Office at 965-5236.

Saturday, Feb. 16

■ The Western Kentucky Quilters Guild meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., at the United Methodist Church basement in Morganfield. The project this month will be the Charlotte Table Topper. Bring fabric, sewing supplies and your sewing machine. This will be a sit and sew meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

■ Main Street Baptist Youth will be hosting a Light With-in Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., beside Main Street Church and in front of Marion Eye Care Center. Dine in or in-town delivery will be available. Call 704-5813 or 704-6680.

Monday, Feb. 18

■ All federal offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day. State, city and county offices, however, will be open. No mail will run, so your Early Bird should be expected a day late.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

■ A Kentucky legal aide will be available for consultation for seniors at 10 a.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

■ Pennyrile Area Homemakers Cultural Arts Display will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. At 10 a.m., a program will be presented on Design Trends for 2013 by Morgan Orange, Interior Designer for Cozy Living in Princeton.

■ The CCHS SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the CCHS Conference room.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

■ The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., at The Marion Cafe. This month's topic will be

age and its affect and the Chapter Service Officer. All current and retired federal employees are invited to the monthly meeting.

■ An AARP tax preparation professional will be on hand at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., each Wednesday during tax season to help seniors with filing their taxes. The center is located on North Walker Street.

■ Life Line blood pressure checks for seniors will be given starting at 10 a.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Bingo will follow at 10:30 a.m. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

■ A chronic disease self-management class will be held at 1 p.m., at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

Thursday, Feb. 21

■ The Woman's Club of Marion will present the documentary, Miss Representation at 6:30 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. Admission is free. It is recommended for viewers 14 years and older. A local panel discussion will include Rebecca Johnson as moderator, Karen Maddux, Jill Croft and Rev. Tara Sisco.

Friday, Feb. 22

■ A Grape Pruning Workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., at Eddy Creek Vineyard in Princeton. The instructor will be Patsy Wilson, a UK Viticulture Extension Specialist. To register for this event call the Crittenden County Extension Office at 965-5236.

Monday, Feb. 25

■ The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. The program will be provided by Priscilla "Pat" Fuller.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

■ Adult Sewing Classes will be held at 5 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. You must know how to operate a sewing machine. For further information and supply list call the Extension Office at 965-5236.

■ The Photography Club will meet at 6 p.m., the Ed-Tech Center. The program will be on how to use the manual settings on your camera and will be given by Joe Myers. For further information call the Crittenden County Extension Office at 965-5236 or on Facebook as Crittenden County Extension Photography Club.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

■ The Crittenden County Extension Homemakers International Event will be held at 11 a.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. The program will include Marjorie Yandell on China: The Country and Its People.

Federal tax credits will mean more for families

In 2013, federal tax credits will mean more for working families than ever before. As the economy struggles to recover from the recession, the Earned Income Credit (EIC) can provide relief for many working families who are under economic stress. The EIC can help families pay back bills, avoid utility shut-offs or eviction, buy groceries, cover child care costs, or meet other needs. Working individuals and families need to know that help may be available when you file your 2013 tax return. You also need to know how and where to get assistance.

If you worked full-time or part-time during 2012, and you had a low to moderate income (less than \$47,000 with children and less than \$13,980 without children) you may qualify for the Earned Income Credit (EIC). You may also receive the Child Tax Credit (CTC) if you



had children living with you for at least half of the year. If you qualify you owe less in taxes and you may get cash back. Also, some people who don't owe taxes can get the Earned Income Credit. However, to get these credits, you must file a tax return.

The EIC could put as much as \$3,169 into the pockets of a family with one child, or send as much as \$5,236 to a family with two children, or up to \$475 for a worker with no children who is between the ages of 25-64. This year workers

who raised three or more children in their home in 2012 can get an EIC of up to \$5,891. While the amount varies with your income, number of children and other circumstances, the IRS estimates that 20-25 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim the credit. The extra dollars that taxpayers can get through EIC can make their lives a little easier. Some individuals and families may qualify for the first time because of unemployment or other changes in their financial, marital or parental status during the past year.

Some examples of workers who can qualify for the EIC include: workers who have one child in their home and had income of less than \$36,920 (or \$42,130 for married workers); workers raising two children with income of less than \$41,952 (or \$47,162 for married workers); or workers with no

children who earned less than \$13,980 (or \$19,190 for married workers). Workers who were raising three or more children in their home in 2012 and had income of less than \$45,060 (or \$50,270 for married workers) could get an EIC of up to \$5,891. Workers within these categories should check to see if they qualify. Workers with investment income exceeding \$3,200 in 2012 may not claim EIC.

Free help is available to determine eligibility or to file a claim at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. VITA volunteers are trained according to IRS guidelines to fill out basic tax forms including those needed to claim the earned income credit and the child tax credit. For more information about VITA site locations near you call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887.

School district names Merrick February employee of the month

STAFF REPORT

Todd Merrick has been selected as employee of the month for Crittenden County Schools in February. Merrick has worked in education for 26 years and has spent the last 22 years in Crittenden County. Merrick and his family moved to Crittenden County in 1991.

Merrick taught high school English and social studies for 16 years, was a writing resource teacher consultant for two years and a school administra-



Merrick

tor—including high school principal—for five years. He currently teaches eighth-grade U.S. history. Merrick is also a volunteer coordinator for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and teaches a class in personal finance to adults at

Marion Baptist Church, where he attends. He also teaches personal finance classes to eighth-graders based on this curriculum.

The educator said the best part of his job is when students make the connection between what he is teaching and their life outside of school. His favorite interests are history and politics. Merrick said sharing those interests with students gets him up in the morning.

Merrick and his wife,

Regina, have been married for 29 years. Both of their daughters, Emily and Ellen, have attended Crittenden County Schools.

Merrick also enjoys traveling and combining that with his love for history.

"Travel and vacations must have historical components. There are many historical sites near beaches, fortunately," Merrick joked.

Middle school teachers name three as students of the month

STAFF REPORT

Teachers at Crittenden County Middle School recognized three individuals as Students of the Month for January.

Bobby Glen Stephens, the son of Rob and Sandra Stephens, is said to be very kind and generous. Several of his classmates consider him to be a role model, and he is respectful to his peers and teachers.

"He is always looking for new ways to have a positive impact on those around him," his teachers report.

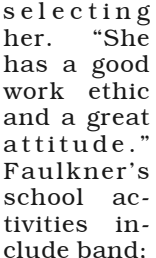
Stephens' favorite school activities include



Stephens

basketball and baseball. His hobbies include watching University of Kentucky basketball games and hunting. Lauryn Faulkner is the daughter of Laura Eifler and Donald Faulkner. Her stepfather is Allen Eifler.

"Lauryn is always respectful to her teachers and peers," faculty said in



Faulkner

selecting her. "She has a good work ethic and a great attitude," Faulkner's school activities include band; and she is a regular on honor rolls. Her hobbies include baking, listening to music and taking care of pets.

David Maness, the son of Mike and Stephanie Maness, said his favorite school activity is football.

His hobbies include hunting, playing basketball and bow shooting.

"Every day, David enters class with a positive attitude, is prepared, attentive and ready to learn," middle school staff said. "His academic successes rival his manners and behavior.

As another sixth-grade teacher stated, "We wish we could clone him!"



Maness

Girl Scout cookies, booths coming soon

STAFF REPORT

Good news is on the way for those who have been craving their yearly splurge of Samoas, Thin Mints and Tagalongs. Fresh from the bakery, Girl Scout Cookies will arrive this weekend in Crittenden County.

Starting this week, Girl Scouts and troop leaders from across the Kentuckiana Council began picking up nearly 2.3 million boxes of cookies to deliver throughout 64 counties across the western half of Kentucky and in southern Indiana. Scouts and troop leaders in Crittenden County will pick up their orders on Friday to begin distribution to those

who have placed orders.

If you haven't ordered your cookies yet, that's no problem says Karen Smallwood, from the Girl Scout's Cookie headquarters. This year's public cookie booths will start Feb. 22 and run through March 22.

"Girl Scouts will be setting up at local stores and businesses across their areas, so folks will have lots of chances to buy all their favorites," said Smallwood.

Neither a date nor location has been set for a booth in Marion, but that date should be forthcoming, said a Girl Scouts spokesperson. However, sales will be available at Ledbetter Minit Mart

on U.S. 60 on March 1, 9, 15 and 16.

Here in the Kentuckiana Council, the caramel-coconut Samoas are the top seller. Nationwide, that title goes to Thin Mints.

All cookies still sell for \$3.50 per box. For the first time in 13 years, packaging for the cookies has been changed. Boxes now show girls in action as Girl Scouts.

For those who want to support Girls Scouts but need to limit their cookie in-

take, there is even a "zero-calorie option." You can buy boxes of cookies and donate them as a "Gift of Caring" that gets sent to soldiers overseas or to other community heroes.

To find out more about cookie booths in the area, go to gskentuckiana.org, where you can use a Cookie Locator tool to help you find a booth. You can also download a special "Cookie App" for your phone.

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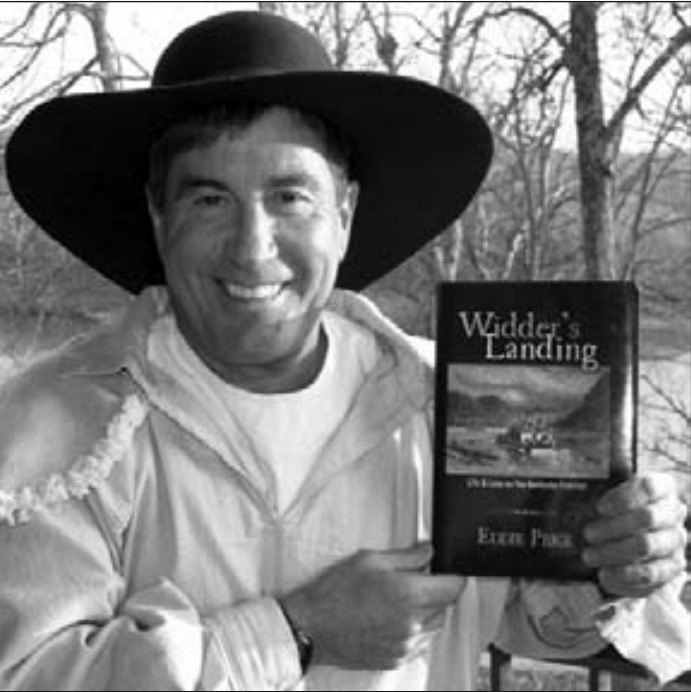


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Eddie Price will be the guest speaker at today's (Thursday) meeting of the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society in Smithland.

Kentucky author to speak at Smithland

STAFF REPORT
Eddie Price will be the guest speaker at today's (Thursday) meeting of the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society.
Price will make a presentation on his new novel, "Widder's Landing." The program begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Log Cabin in Smithland.
Price is a lifelong resident of Kentucky. Before retiring in 2012, he taught history for 36 years, 31 of

which were at Hancock County.
He is a director in the Hancock County Historical Society.
"Widder's Landing" is a historical novel about frontier life in the 1800s.
Books will be available for purchase and will be signed by the author.
To read more on Eddie Price and Widder's Landing go to www.acclaimpress.com.
For more information, call 928-4656.

Smoking cessation class offered at CHS

BY JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER
There's still time to register for the Cooper/Clayton Smoking Cessation Class offered by Crittenden Health Systems. The first meeting was held last Thursday at the hospital's education building. Due to low participation, officials said individuals can still register for the 13-week class.
The classes will be administered by Terry Hinton and Leslie Oliver. Both are registered nurses at the local hospital. Oliver describes the classes as an informal, come-as-you-are gathering for individuals who want to quit smoking.
The Cooper/Clayton method allows participants to continue smoking during the first week of the program. However, each time they do smoke a cigarette,

they are asked to record it in a notebook.
DVDs and other informational materials will be available. There will also be discussion on making the commitment to stop smoking and sharing that decision with your family and any individual in your household that continues to smoke.
Participants are educated on available nicotine replacement products including patches, lozenges and gum. Participants can also share with the group their stories and offer encouragement.
The second meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at the hospital education building, located behind the hospital. For more information contact, the hospital at 965-5281.

Deposit deadline for Niagara Falls trip set for Feb. 25

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center Coordinator Alicia McDowell said individuals who plan to take the June 2013 trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto need to have their \$75 deposits turned in by Feb. 25.
The seven-day, six-night trip is scheduled for June 23 through 29.
The trip includes motor coach transportation that will leave the Livingston County Senior Center in Smithland at 8 a.m., on June 23. Included in the trip are six nights lodging with four consecutive

nights in Niagara Falls. Guided tours of the falls and Toronto are also included.
"We're going into Canada so everybody needs a passport to get across the border," McDowell said. "You can go online to apply for it. Or you can go to the post office in Paducah to fill out the application."
For more information, contact McDowell at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center at 965-5229 or Jennifer Kirk at the Livingston County Senior Citizens Center at 928-2811.

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Nick and Morgan (Dooms) Morris of Paducah are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Gavin Lynn Morris, January 6, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 in. long.
Grandparents are Roger and Donna Morris of Grand Rivers and Dennis and Angie Dooms of Marion.
Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mackey and Virginia Williams of Joy and the Late Glennie and Stella Morris of Grand Rivers.
Maternal great-grandparents are Reed and Dolly James of Marion and Junior and Carolyn Dooms of Marion.

Fredonia restaurant to offer brick oven pizza, barbecue

BY JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER
Superstorm Sandy didn't appear to slow down the residents of Staten Island, N.Y., for very long, at least not according to Fredonia resident Chad Faughn, who visited the area a few weeks ago to learn some cooking techniques for his new restaurant.
Faughn traveled to New York and spent a week with the owners of Goodfellas, an Italian restaurant that specializes in brick oven pizzas. He attended their pizza school and learned the secrets of New York-style brick oven pizza.
"Their ingredients are all freshly made," he said. "They do not use a rolling pin to touch the dough. They work it all by hand. Everything is freshly made with quality ingredients."
Faughn plans on using those same techniques in his own restaurant, Copper-top Bar-B-Que and Brick Oven Pizza. The restaurant is set to open in Fredonia by the end of winter.
"For good pizza, you have to have good ingredients and

mix them consistently every time. You also have to have somebody who knows how to operate a brick-fired oven," he said.
Faughn said the secret to cooking in a brick oven is building a hot fire and letting it burn for about three hours. Once a pizza is placed in the oven, it takes about three minutes to cook. A wooden shovel-like tool called a peel is used to turn the pizza while it's baking.
"You let it cook towards the fire for 45 seconds then you spin it," he said. "After you spin it a couple of times, it's ready to come out. They are delicious."
Besides cooking brick oven pizzas, the restaurant will also serve different types of barbecue.
"I've always liked to barbecue. I let a lot of people try it, and they told me how good it was," Faughn said. "It's real wood, real smoke and real barbecue. There's no easy way about it. I do it the hard way. It makes a better product."
Barbecue menu items will include pork, ribs, chicken, mutton, beef brisket and



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Chad Faughn attended a brick oven pizza school in Staten Island, N.Y., recently. Above, Faughn (left) is shown with Scott Sosentino of Goodfellas, an Italian restaurant in the New York City borough.

smoked bologna.
"We're still under construction. We're finishing the inside and trying to get everything rolling. I'm hoping to be going by the end of winter. It's coming along," he

said.
The restaurant is located on the corner of U.S. 641 and Ky. 91, across from the convenience store and gas station in Fredonia.

Burdon develops mobile app

BY JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER
Soon there will be a brand new app to tap for smartphone users. It's called SocialCoaster and it was developed by Crittenden County High School graduate Jonathan Burdon.
SocialCoaster is a mobile social network application that identifies a user's behavior and location to predict events and places they might like to attend or visit. It also provides places of interest for different locations and cities. It can be used to recommend concert events or a favorite restaurant.
"It's going to suggest events it thinks you'll be interested in that are around where you are currently located," Burdon said.
The app works as a stand-alone social network that allows users to create their own profile, add friends, view other profiles, send messages to other users and view user photos. The home screen features eight random thumbnail photographs that show users what activities are occurring near their current location. The photos are in real-time and update as members upload new photos.
SocialCoaster also allows users to collaborate photos during special events. For example, wedding guests can be asked to check-in via the bride and groom's SocialCoaster private wedding page. Every photo taken by guests who check-in will go into that page.
"While a bride's on her way to her honeymoon, she can log in and see all the photos that guests took at her wedding," Burdon said.
Users can also connect the app with their Facebook and/or Twitter accounts. Photos can automatically be posted live on Facebook walls.
The app also has a scrapbooking feature that keeps track of every event the user has checked into by chronological order.
Burdon has been working on the app since last June. He plans on releasing it in the coming weeks. The app will be available first for iPhone users. An Android version will also be launched a few weeks later.



Individuals can register their email addresses at SocialCoaster.com to learn when the app is made available to the general public.
"A lot of times, people come into a social network once it's already developed," he said. "People found out about Facebook once it was already big or Instagram or Twitter. What's exciting is the people who are familiar with SocialCoaster now are going to be involved with it from Day 1."
Born in Henderson, Burdon graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2006. He is a 2010 graduate of Murray State University where he studied organizational communication and marketing. He currently lives in Nashville. He plans on marketing SocialCoaster at different events in Nashville, including the CMA (Country Music Association) Music Festival in June.
"When we do launch it, it might take a year to build up to the numbers I would like to have. One thing I can honestly (attest to) is the passion of the fans I've already got. They have worked so hard spreading the word about SocialCoaster," he said. "That's

one of the major keys to success...I appreciate that so much."

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WKCTC scholarship app deadline nears

STAFF REPORT
The deadline to apply for a scholarship at West Kentucky Community and Technical College is 4 p.m., March 1.
Scholarship applications are only accepted online at <https://secure.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/scholarship/ScholarshipForm.aspx>. Application and supporting documentation must be received by the stated deadline.
WKCTC recognizes and rewards outstanding scholastic achievements by awarding merit-based scholarships and special awards to deserving students.
For more information about scholarships, contact the WKCTC scholarship office at 534-3065 or visit westkentucky.kctcs.edu.



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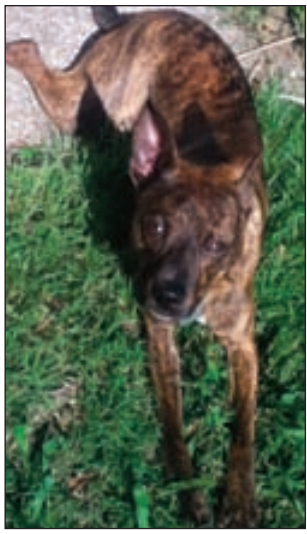
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Tommy's Winter Journey Home

By Sheila Chittenden

Our cat, Tommy, disappeared on the Thanksgiving weekend of 2004. Days went by and he didn't come home. Then the week before Christmas, we had a foot of snow, and we were so afraid that Tommy would starve or freeze to death.

Many weeks passed and we had just about lost hope that Tommy would ever come home. But not a day went by that we didn't think about him and have a glimmer of hope.

Come late January, much to our surprise and delight, Tommy did come home!

We couldn't believe our eyes when he showed up in our kitchen windowsill peeping in! He was extremely thin and a pitiful, but beautiful sight!

We distinctly recall the day Tommy disappeared. My husband and I had gotten in our truck and went to visit my mother about eight miles away. I remembered that I had seen Tommy earlier in the day milling around the truck. We believe he got up under the truck and rode all the way to my mother's farm. He spent about 60 long, cold days finding his way back home. That was eight years ago and today, Tommy is one fat, happy cat!

Donors help fund veterinary expenses

By **JASON TRAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Not every dog or cat is immediately available for adoption. Sometimes they need veterinary care before they are ready to find a permanent home. That's why a donation tree has been set up at the Crittenden County Animal Clinic.

Christy James is one of many volunteers called Shelter Helpers who work to place pets in forever homes. James said the tree is set up to collect donations to help pay medical expenses for sick or injured animals.

"We have a group that we

call Shelter Helpers, and we fundraise so that we can help the animals of the Crittenden County Animal Shelter if additional vetting is needed," James said. "The tree allows people to purchase a paw to hang on the tree and, in turn, that donation goes straight toward our vet bills."

James said the money raised by the Shelter Helpers is to be used when an animal comes into the shelter and has an injury or medical issue and needs to be cared for before it is ready for adoption.

"If anyone wants to help

with this they can donate money to pay directly to the Animal Clinic by telling them that it is to go on the

Shelter Helpers rescue fund," James said. "All donations are greatly appreciated."



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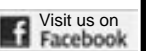
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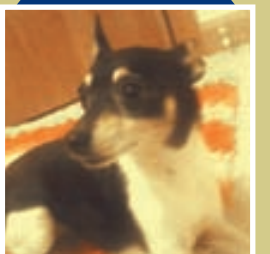
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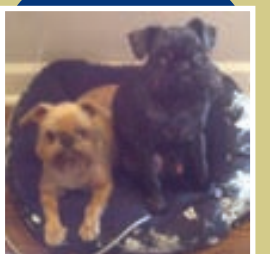
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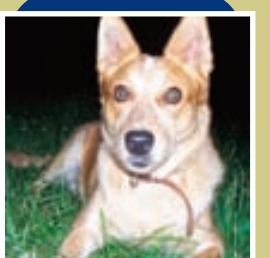
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Adoption application helps reduce returns to shelter

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Placing a dog in a forever-home is the primary goal at the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter. To ensure each adoption enjoys success, in January, shelter officials began utilizing an application process, asking individuals more detailed questions before an adoption is made.

Kristi Beavers, manager of the no-kill shelter, said a more thorough application process was necessary to help reduce the number of dogs that were being returned after they had been adopted.

"Our goal is to have good, quality adoptions, not necessarily quantity of adoptions. By having potential adopters fill out an application for an animal, it allows us to find the best possible home for the animals and helps eliminate returns like we have had in the past," Beavers said. "While this process might slow adoptions at first, we hope it will increase the success of adoptions in the long run. We ultimately want what is best for the animal."

Beavers said in 2012, more than 700 dogs were adopted from the animal shelters in Crittenden County, including 90 from the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

"About 200 dogs went into rescue, so that's 915 dogs that were saved," Beavers said. "We really had to work hard to find them good homes."

Local residents aren't the only individuals adopting dogs from the shelter. Beavers said last week a red heeler-mix went to a home in Nevada. The dog had been trained through the Kentucky State Police Paws for a Cause program.

"We're on our 12th class at the Kentucky State Penitentiary right now. We've just recently taken five dogs. Three were brought back and one of those has gone to her forever-home in Nevada. We've got two of those dogs that are available for adop-

tion," she said.

The program allows non-violent prison inmates to work with dogs for six to eight weeks on basic obedience commands and crate training. Beavers said the program makes dogs more appealing for adoption when individuals are looking for a dog that is already obedience trained.

Ann Farmer, a board member at the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter, works to place animals using the Petfinders website. She said the website allows those interested in adopting a pet to type in their ZIP code and the kind of pet that is desired.

"Dogs make people happy," Farmer said. "I want people and animals to have good relationships."

Farmer also encourages individuals to do some research about the different types of pets available for adoption.

"Call the shelter and ask

questions," Farmer said. "You also might read about dogs. Little house dogs are good. You may think a Great Pyrenees is what you want, but if you have to keep it in the house all the time, it probably isn't. Find out what you're adopting before you adopt if you can. Do some research."

The Petfinder page for the Crittenden County Animal Shelter and the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter is located at www.petfinder.com/petsearch?location=42064&animal_type=&pet_breed=&pet_age=&pet_gender=&startsearch=Go.

The blog for the Crittenden County Animal Shelter is located at www.crittenden-shelter.blogspot.com. The Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter blog is www.maryhallshelter.blogspot.com.

Officials said both shelters are always in need of donations of dog and cat food, treats, collars, leashes and blankets.



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Ornery dog leads to lottery payoff

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A group of blue collar University of Utah workers will split \$1 million in lottery winnings thanks to a set of keys left in a truck and an ornery little dog named "Stella."

Thirteen years after playing the same set of numbers every month in the Idaho lottery, the group of 33 workers who work on heating and cooling university buildings hit pay dirt when Steve Hughes left his truck running to keep his dog "Stella" warm while he went inside to a gas station near Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, on Jan. 6. Utah has no lottery.

When he returned to his truck, his miniature pinscher had locked him out by putting her paw on the manual lock. Hughes, 29, planned to buy the ticket elsewhere, but instead he had his girlfriend buy it there while he tried to open the door with a slim jim.

He eventually coached Stella to put her paws on the electronic window button in the back seat, allowing Hughes to get in the car.

What seemed like an annoying delay that day turned out to be serendipitous when the group discovered recently that they had won second prize in the Idaho Powerball.

"It was pretty exciting," said Richard Tison, 50, the supervisor.

Tison and Hughes say they will each get about \$20,000 after taxes, or as Hughes said,

Hughes' dog, "Stella," didn't get to go on the "party bus" but the lucky winners had previously made sure she was rewarded.

"She got a couple of big surprises when I got home," Hughes said. "She got 18-inch rawhide bones."

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Weldon Street cemetery important to area history

Since February is Black History Month, I thought it might be interesting to look back on some of our own county's black history. Very little of this early part of our history was ever recorded or documented; only a small part has been discovered by the recording of our county's black cemeteries and searching for obituaries and other items that were printed in The Crittenden Press.

Brenda Underdown
Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

who built homes in the northern part of what became Marion. In the late antebellum period, these people found themselves owners of considerable property with the freedom to develop it.

The last known burial in the little cemetery was in 1934. Mrs. Mary Frances Crawford remembers attending the burial at age nine, walking behind a team and wagon which carried the coffin.

The little cemetery fell into disuse and was replaced by the Lewis Cemetery, just to the south, on North Weldon Street.

Today the little cemetery is remembered by only a few of the oldest residents, and even some of them were not even aware that it existed. But the daffodils, lilies and irises that come up in bloom every year still speak of the love of the relatives and friends who continued until the mid-20th century to care for the graves of their loved ones there.

McKenney has, at his own expense, put up a fence surrounding the cemetery, added a black iron entrance gate and had a large granite tombstone engraved with names of people that are thought to be buried there.

Information for these unmarked burials was found from obituaries in The Crittenden Press and death certificates.

McKenney has plans for hopefully adding a memorial marker with the history of Matilda Threlkeld, another story in itself, which will be shared in next week's article.

The following is a little history of some of the people who would likely be buried here, since this was the only cemetery available for the burial of black people in Marion at this time.

One who has a tombstone marker is King Herod Travis.

He was a former slave and an intelligent and industrious man. He assembled other freedmen with knowledge of brick-making and began to make and sell sun-dried bricks from the abundant Crittenden

County clay. The bricks for most of the oldest buildings in Marion were made there.

The brick-making office was located at the corner of North Maple and Travis streets. Travis Street was named for him.

He died Dec. 7, 1899, and his obituary reads, "Herod Travis, one of the best known colored men in Crittenden County, and truly a good man, died at his home in the suburbs on Friday, Dec. 7. He might be called the 'father' of his people, the honored and revered 'Uncle' of his race. He was industrious and frugal; he had many good business qualities, keen, but strictly honest."

Also in the cemetery not far from Herod Travis is a Civil War monument for Edward D. Churchwell. The stone clearly says Churchwell, but it is actually Churchill. His stone reads "Co. I, 8th USCHA." He died May 20, 1899.

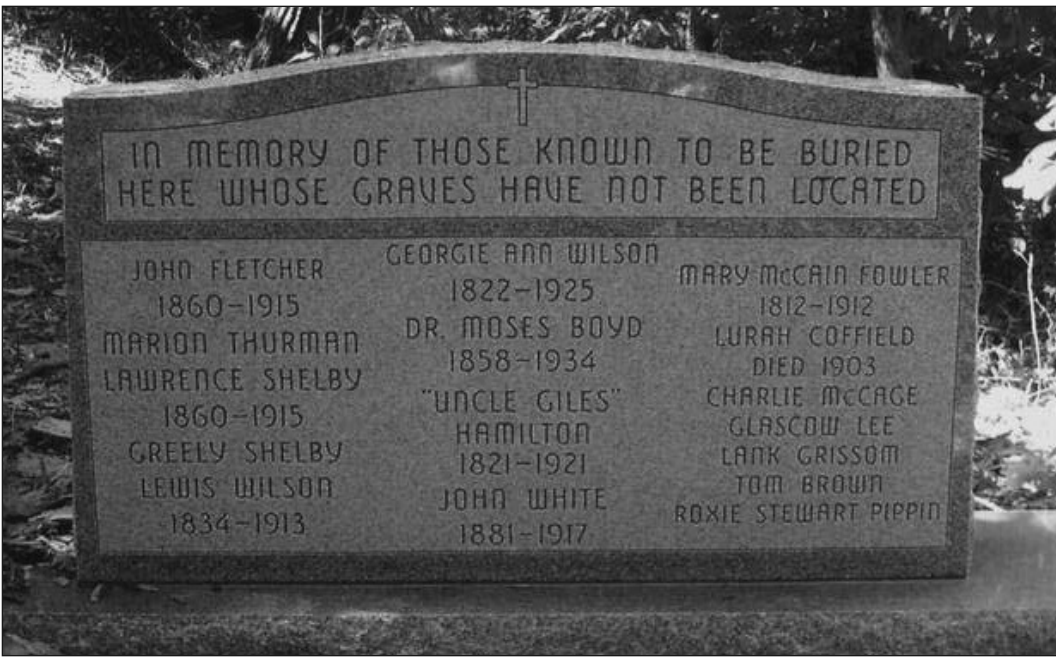
The USCHA on his stone is an acronym for U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery. The 8th Regiment, USCHA was organized at Paducah on April 26, 1864. Paducah was the first city in Kentucky to develop a black regiment. Other recruitment for black soldiers also took place there, and any slave who enlisted was granted emancipation.

Also three other Civil War veterans of the USCHA are almost certain to be buried in the old cemetery with no stones. They are Glasgow Lee, Marion Thurman and Lewis Wilson. These men returned to Marion after the war and continued their lives here until they died.

Lee and Wilson have obituaries that were in The Crittenden Press. Thurman was listed in the Marion area on the 1910 Crittenden County Census as being 65 years old, but he does not appear on the 1920 census. None of these Civil War veterans have monuments. The following are Lee and Wilson's obituaries found in The Crittenden Press:

Dec. 6, 1900
"Monday, Dec. 3, 1900, at high noon, Glasgow Lee, colored, one of Marion's old landmarks, answered the call of the Master."

"For more than 80 years, this good old Negro has met the ups and downs that must be contended within the course of mortal life. Glasgow was born a slave. He was owned by Dr. Leigh, who long years ago entered the eternal. While in bondage,



Glasgow married Aunt Harriet, who survives him.

"When the Civil War broke out, he entered the Army of the North and fought through the war. After freedom was given to the Negro, Glasgow came back to his old home, was re-married to Harriet and settled down."

"The Press long-claimed Glasgow as one of its force. For over a decade he was 'Pressman' and week-in, week-out found him constantly at this post."

"Long will the citizens of Marion hold in kind remembrance old Glasgow Lee."

July 3, 1913
"Lewis Wilson, an aged colored pensioner, died at his home in the southern section of the city, June 26 and was buried at the Old Cemetery on Friday."

"He was 79 years of age and is survived by his wife, George Ann; two sons, Tobe and Grundy, of this city; and one daughter, Elizabeth of Fredonia."

His wife, "Aunt" George Ann Wilson, who died April 22, 1926 at the age of 104, does not have a tombstone either.

As I did some research on the black veterans of the Civil War, I learned an



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A memorial marker (top photo) was recently placed by Tom McKenney to identify individuals buried in unmarked graves in the old black cemetery in Marion. At left King Herod Travis is one of the few individuals to be buried in the old black cemetery who has a marker, though the stone has fallen over. He was definitely a part of Marion's early history, as he made most of the bricks for the early business buildings in Marion; and above the new entrance to the old black cemetery at the end of North Weldon Street in Marion.

interesting fact about these men who are buried in unknown graves here in our county.

There is an African-American Civil War Memorial Monument in Washington, D.C., that was dedicated July 16, 1998. This monument is the only national memorial to black troops in the Civil War. The Spirit of Freedom sculpture stands 10 feet tall and features uniformed black soldiers and a sailor.

The sculpture is surrounded by a wall of honor, a memorial listing of the names of 209,145

federal black troops who served in the Civil War. What is so interesting is that though they lay here in unmarked graves, Thurman, Churchill and Wilson are noted as part of this memorial. Thurman is on Plaque A-19. Churchill and Wilson are on Plaque A-18.

In next week's article, the story of Matilda Threlkeld will be told as will those of two more Civil War veterans, plus other items of interest about our county's black history.

Local mother recalls stay at Ronald McDonald House

BY JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

It has now been almost 20 years since Ronald McDonald House first came to the rescue of a local family whose infant daughter was diagnosed with a genetic disorder.

In 1994, Marion resident Angie Roberson's two-day-old daughter, Halee, was transported from Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville for a rare disorder. Halee would eventually be diagnosed with Sotos syndrome, characterized by excessive physical growth during the first two to three years of life.

To be near their daughter, Roberson and her husband, Tommy, stayed at a nearby Ronald McDonald House in Louisville. Now 18 years of age, Halee is doing great, according to her mother, and she said the family will never forget the kindness and care they experienced while staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

"From the minute I walked in the door of the Ronald McDonald House, other parents talked to me," Roberson said. "They eased my fears and shared their experiences."

The Ronald McDonald House program provides parents a home away from home so they can stay near their hospitalized child. The program provides families stability and resources during their stay. Families are asked to make a donation up to \$25 per day, de-

pending on the housing type. If it's not possible for a family to pay, the fee is waived. The program's policy is that families are never turned away.

The first Ronald McDonald House opened in 1974. Today there are more than 305 Ronald McDonald Houses around the world, with McDonald's being the largest corporate supporter of the charity. Franchises regularly partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities for promotional and fundraising events, as is the case through the end of this month at Marion McDonald's.

Roberson said the Ronald McDonald House provided bus transportation to and from the hospital. She also recalls the relief of not having to negotiate the traffic of an unfamiliar city for a meal.

"Anything you could need or want, it was there. And if they couldn't provide it, they would get it for you," Roberson said. "A lot of the local churches would bring food. There were three kitchens in that facility, and the cabinets were full. If you wanted to throw something in the oven or microwave, all that was provided. There was con-

stantly food on the table. You did not go hungry at all."

Roberson said the only thing missing from the Ronald McDonald House was a television in the rooms. She said administrators wanted to encourage parents to connect with each other during their stay, thereby eliminating the TVs.

"You shared your stories. There were always opportunities that could help an-

other family, because it's scary when you have a sick child and you don't know (the area)," Halee's mom said. "Louisville is a big city, especially when you live in a small town."

Roberson credits her family for being a wonderful support system, but she also recalls the many parents she met while staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

"Some people spent maybe a year up there.



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Tuesday
Lyon vs. Livingston, 6 p.m.
Trigg vs. Crittenden, 7:30 p.m.
Championship
Friday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Summer league sign up
Registration is under way for summer youth baseball and softball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Forms are available at The Crittenden Press and they have been distributed at Crittenden County Elementary School. You may also find a form in PDF format on the Dugout Club's Facebook page or at The Press Online under the sports tab. Registration deadline is March 16. Anyone interested in coaching should contact Jeremy Wheeler at 859-333-4095 or Chris Evans at 704-0435. The Crittenden County Dugout Club, which organizes local youth baseball and softball, will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday. The meeting is open to anyone interested in volunteering.

SOCCER
Youth league sign-ups
Crittenden County Youth Soccer registration will be from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Crittenden County Elementary School lobby, and from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, March 9 at Dairy Queen.

HUNTING
Hunting licenses expire
Hunters should be aware that the current license year expires Feb. 28. Fishermen and hunters will need to buy a new fishing license at the end of this month. Licenses are available from the county clerk's office, sporting goods and department stores or bait and tackle shops. You may also buy licenses and permits by visiting the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-877-598-2401.

LBL facilities re-open
All Land Between the Lakes facilities that customarily close during the winter season will re-open March 1.

Wild game at Mexico
Mexico Baptist Church will host its annual wild game supper at 5 p.m., Feb 23. The public is invited.

Hunting seasons

Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1 - March 31
Youth Turkey	Apr. 6-7
Spring Turkey	Apr. 13 - May 5
LBL Non-Quota hunting	April 15-28

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Archery Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Youth Deer	Oct. 12-13
Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Firearm	Nov. 9-24
Muzzleloader	Dec. 14-22

BASKETBALL
Owen TV's top player
Crittenden County basketball player Aaron Owen was the WPSD-TV Biokinetics Athlete of the Week last week. The junior guard scored 25 points against Reidland and 17 against Hopkins Central in games last week. Owen is the only Crittenden player to earn the weekly honor this year. Owen is currently the Rockets' leading scorer this season, averaging 12.5 points per game. Teammate Ethan Hill averages 12.3. See Rocket scoring leaders and more at The Press Online.

Follow Local Basketball Rockets & Lady Rockets Online at The-Press.com

Rockets prep for 5th showdown

Trigg is first post-season opponent

STAFF REPORT

After playing well but losing against St. Mary last weekend, the Rockets are on rested legs heading into the final stretch of the season and will play Trigg County Tuesday in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Cadiz.

The Wildcats (15-8) are on a roll, winning seven of their last eight games. Rocket coach Denis Hodge says one thing you don't want to do is let Trigg get hot. In half their games this year, Trigg has posted more than 70 points. Senior guard Deonquez Nance averages 26.4 points for the Wildcats. He's very likely the Second Region Player of the Year and probably the most meaningful single player to his team's success in all of western Kentucky. Trigg goes largely as he does. When Nance is hot, they're tough to beat.

"He's going to get his points no matter what," Hodge said. "The key is to contain him and limit his shooting to 30 or 40 percent from the field. You have to keep him out of the lane."

Nance is only 5-foot-6 but he has a 40-inch vertical jump with extended hang time. Perhaps the biggest problem in focusing on Nance is not forgetting about his running mate, junior guard Cole Gardner. He's scored 159 points on three-pointers this year and he's one of the top set shooters in the area.

"Some nights he's the best," Hodge said. "Containing those two guys is the key to beating Trigg County."

The Rockets want to work the ball inside, using their size advantage on the block and defensively challenge everything Trigg puts into the air.

Senior David Wease is the Wildcats' main threat down low. He gets about nine points and eight boards a game. It will be up to Rocket



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Rocket guard Ethan Hill has averaged 17 points a game over the last five. Here, he works down court against a St. Mary defender.

bookends Bobby Knox and Devin Clark to control the area closest to the rim. Together, those two average nearly 20 points and 16 rebounds a game.

Rocket guard Ethan Hill has been hot lately. He and Aaron Owen lead the team in scoring, averaging a dozen points apiece.

Although Rocket fans' sights are set on the rematch with Trigg next week – a team Crittenden split with during the regular season – Hodge isn't taking his eye off of University Heights and Fort Campbell. Both teams have handed Crittenden (14-14) losses this season, so playing well against those teams Thursday and Friday night, respectively, will help give the second-year skipper's team a boost heading into the Fifth District Tournament. A win against either team would guarantee a .500 mark for the season, something that hasn't been done since 2005.

It's been a tough run for Crittenden's girls

STAFF REPORT

It's been one of those seasons for the Lady Rockets. In fact, the pain has lasted for nearly two years now. Crittenden County – the best team in the Second Region in February of 2011 – is suffering through its most difficult run in more than 20 seasons.

Head coach Shannon Hodge has been at the team's controls since 1993. Never have her girls won fewer games in a single stretch than over the past 24 months. It's been grueling at times and obviously disappointing, but oddly enough, the veteran coach says it's been rewarding, too. She sees a glimmer of hope for the future and has found success within what appears to be regular failure.

"We're improving in a lot of areas. We have to become more consistent on offense and on defense we have to push to get better," Hodge said.

Crittenden played very well for a half and led by two against Hopkins Central (12-15) Tuesday night. The second half brought more misery, however, as the Lady Storm raced out to a 17-point win. Still Hodge found reason for optimism.

"I hope this gives us some confidence going into Monday," Hodge said, looking ahead to postseason play.

"I'm greedy," Hodge explained. "I want to see them at their best. I have probably been less patient lately, but it's because I really believe in our ability. We may not have many wins, but we are a ca-



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge shows a bit of frustration during a scoreless second period Friday against St. Mary.

8-8 tie after one period Friday, but the Lady Vikings poured on the coal after that to win 45-21. It was the second time last week St. Mary had beaten the Lady Rockets. In both games one bad quarter hurt the Crittenden girls' chances.

The Lady Rockets scored just one point in the fourth quarter when the team met at Paducah early last week then at Marion Friday Crittenden was scoreless in the second period.

Hopkins Central 55, Crittenden 38

Hopkins Central	15	10	12	18
Crittenden County	17	10	4	7

HOPKINS CENTRAL – Orten 9, Moody-Copeland 3, Stafford 11, Campbell 8, Smith 18, Gordon 4, Chil-

dress, Jarrett, L.Campbell 2. Field Goals 18. 3-pointers 2 (Stafford). Free Throws 13-19. Fouls 18.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 6, Binkley 2, C.Moss 10, Head 12, Oliver 4, Collins, Nesbitt 2, Pierce 2. Field Goals 12. 3-pointers 3 (Head 1, Moss 2). Free Throws 5-9. 15.

St. Mary 45, Crittenden 21

St. Mary	8	16	12	9
Crittenden County	8	0	5	8

ST. MARY – Thweatt 8, Koenig, Shockley, Eck 2, Kupper 12, Word 3, Hunt, Meredith, Gipson 2, Bratton, McManus 10, Durbin 7, Thomas 1. Field Goals 20-48. 3-pointers 1-4 (Word). Free Throws 4-6. Fouls 9. Rebounds 36.

CRITTENDEN – McDowell, Binkley 6, Head 3, Collins 2, Johnson 1, Oliver 3, Evans, Nesbitt, C.Moss 4, Lynch 2, Pierce. Field Goals 9-39. 3-pointers none. Free Throws 3-8. Fouls 6. Rebounds 25 (Binkley 4).

Young Rockets collect league championship

Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade basketball team won the West Kentucky Youth Basketball League championship last weekend at Burna.

The Rockets won the regular-season and post-season titles after beating Lyon County 30-15 in Saturday's championship game.

Scoring for the championship game was as follows: Tyler Boone 7, Gabe Mott 6, Braxton Winders 6, Trace Adams 5, Caden McCalister 2, Tate Roberts 2, Ben Evans 1 and Xander Tabor 1.

Crittenden's fifth- and sixth-grade team lost to Livingston in the tournament.

The league was started this winter with teams from Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and Lyon.

Crittenden's third- and fourth-grade boys are 26-10 this season. They finished league play undefeated during the regular season. The team plays in a tournament this weekend at Marshall County then hosts its own tournament the following weekend.



The third- and fourth-grade Rocket basketball team won the West Kentucky Youth Basketball League championship last weekend. Team members are (front from left) Ben Evans, Brian Nelson, Tate Roberts, Maddox Carlson, Xander Tabor, (back) Trace Adams, Gabe Mott, Caden McCalister, Jasper Morrison, Tyler Boone and Braxton Winders.

GAP certification class held Feb. 26

Crittenden County Extension Service will be offering a Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 26 at the Extension Office. Participants need to pre-register for the free class by calling 965-5236.

Certification is open to anyone who grows produce and especially if they plan to be selling to others. GAP protocols were developed in response to the increase in the number of outbreaks of food-borne diseases resulting from contaminated fresh produce. These incidences have doubled in the United States since 1987.

While there have not been any outbreaks associated with Kentucky produce, a partnership of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension and the Department

of Public Health is taking a proactive approach by developing and promoting the GAP program.

Participants will learn about bacteria and other harmful microorganisms commonly associated with fresh produce and the costs and impact of diseases and outbreaks caused by food-borne pathogens. You will also learn strategies for controlling potential microbial food safety hazards before planting and throughout all phases of production.

At this time, the rules of the program state participants who complete the 90-minute class will not have to be recertified in the future. This is the only in-county certification scheduled. Shane Bogle, Caldwell County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, will conduct the training.

DCP sign-ups begin Tuesday

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) sign-up is still anticipated to start Tuesday. In preparation for DCP sign-up here in Crittenden and Livingston counties, we encourage you to call the office so that we can go through your farms with you.

The information that we will be gathering is what share percentages you will have on each of your DCP contracts for each farm. Please share at this time if there are any landowner changes, etc. By gathering this information now, we will be able to prepare your DCP contracts as soon as the software is available.

DCP shares have to be supported by the amount of ground a producer is in control of. Here are a few examples using the following data: Owner Smith owns 400 cropland acres, but the farm only has 100 acres of base. Keep in mind that cropland acres are tillable acres as well as cleared pasture.

■ Scenario 1: Farmer Jones cash rents 200 acres



from Owner Smith. In this instance, either Owner Smith or Farmer Jones can have 100 percent share of the contract or they could split an agreed-upon share. The landowner and tenant will need to decide how they want to split the share. (Each of them can support having full control of at least 100 acres)

■ Scenario 2: Farmer Jones cash rents 300 acres from Owner Smith. In this instance, either Owner Smith or Farmer Jones can still have 100 percent share of the contract or they could split an agreed upon share. The landowner and tenant will need to decide how they want to split the share. (Each of them can still sup-

port having full control of at least 100 acres)

■ Scenario 3: Farmer Jones cash rents 350 acres from Owner Smith. In this instance, Farmer Jones can have 100 percent share or any share split where Owner Smith can receive no more than 50 percent. (Owner Smith is only in control of 50 acres. With there being only 100 base acres on the farm, he cannot receive anything more than 50 percent of the contract.)

In summary, the shares have to be supported by how much acreage each person is in control of in reference to how many base acres are on the farm. As long as the landowner and tenant agree to the percentage split and it can be supported by the number of base acres on the farm each is in control of, then the share is acceptable.

In efforts to help with the budget constraints we are facing, we would appreciate and strongly encourage supplying your e-mail address if you have not done so al-

ready. Any e-mail addresses you may have of your landowners would be appreciated as well.

We use this e-mail list to keep you informed of upcoming deadlines, program requirements, etc. We understand that many people still do not have e-mail address, but if you do, please provide it to the office so that we can keep you as informed and up to date as possible.

Upcoming

■ On Monday, the USDA Farm Services Agency office in Salem will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

■ The deadlines to file an application for natural disaster protection under the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) is March 1 for alfalfa, clover, grass, mixed grass intended for grazing, hay or seed and TEFF

(Laura Kessler is the Farm Service Agency county executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties.)

Crittenden farmer supports 2 local charities with \$2,500 gifts through Monsanto Fund

Cali Cares and the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund will now be able to better support their causes and provide for the community, thanks to the support of Crittenden County farmer Philip Parish and America's Farmers Grow Communities.

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, which is the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Co., an agricultural biotechnology corporation. Grow Communities provides farmers in eligible counties the chance to win a \$2,500 donation for a local non-profit organization of their choice. To further support counties declared natural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) due to drought this year, winning farmers in these counties are able to double donations for a total of \$5,000.



Crittenden County farmer Philip Parish, pictured at left with his daughter Cali, shared his winnings from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by Monsanto. Through the charitable fund, Parish earned two \$2,500 donations to give to local non-profits of his choice. The lifetime farmer chose Cali Cares, which donates blankets to cancer patients, and the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund. At right, Denis Hodge (left), creator of the scholarship fund, is shown with Chris Bryant, who represented Monsanto at the check presentation Sunday.

nation to purchase fleece throws and baby blankets, as well as help cover the embroidery cost for the blankets. The blankets are given to cancer patients of all ages and critically ill children. They are given to keep the patients warm as well as bring a smile to their face. The local charity will also use the money for shipping blankets around the

world.

Meantime, the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund will use this money to give \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving seniors in Crittenden, Caldwell and Livingston counties and one \$1,000 scholarship to a Kentucky High School Rodeo participant.

"We are both honored and

privileged to receive such a wonderful donation," Parish said. "Cali Cares and JHF will utilize this donation to help others."

This year, the Monsanto Fund will invest nearly \$6 million in rural America through Grow Communities, which includes double donations for counties impacted by the historic drought.

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The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFc) has a variety of programs available to provide low interest financing to beginning and experienced farmers, agribusinesses and large/food animal veterinarians.

Local lender participation is required for most programs, but direct loans are available for larger projects. The interest

rate for KAFc's portion of a loan is capped at 2 percent.

Visit <http://kafc.ky.gov> for program guidelines, applications, deadlines and further information.

Senate committee OKs hemp measure

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A bill to re-establish industrial hemp in Kentucky if the versatile crop gets a federal pardon has won approval from a state Senate committee.

The Senate Agriculture Committee OK'd the bill Monday after hearing from hemp supporters that included U.S. Sen. Rand Paul and U.S. Reps. John Yarmuth and Thomas Massie. Paul said legalizing hemp has the potential to create jobs processing the crop into a variety of products.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson), a committee member, backed the measure. He said industrial hemp production could greatly benefit his largely agrarian, six-county district.

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer raised concerns about a comeback for hemp, including the difficulty for law enforcement in distinguishing between hemp and marijuana.

Hemp production is banned in the U.S. because the plant is related to marijuana.

Grant workshop slated for Feb. 25

A ree grant workshop will be held starting at 9 a.m. Feb. 25 at the U.K. Research and Education Center in Princeton.

The workshop will cover preparation strategies and opportunities for agricultural producers and rural businesses interested in learning more about how to find and secure funding opportunities; how to prepare strong applications; or how to connect with other resources available.

Lunch is provided, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Aleta Botts at (859) 951-8328.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Feb. 12, 2013 - KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.
Receipts: 677 head.

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 1.00-6.00 lower with 400 weights 4.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Supply included 42% feeder heifers and 16% over 600 lbs. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	244	175.00-186.00	180.58
15	300-400	372	170.00-185.00	173.71
24	400-500	447	164.00-181.00	170.60
20	500-600	548	140.00-151.00	146.44
15	500-600	546	154.00-161.00	156.30 VA
4	600-700	611	134.00-142.00	138.94
3	700-800	756	133.00-133.00	133.00 VA
1	800-900	855	125.00-125.00	125.00
1	900-1000	945	110.00-110.00	110.00 VA

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-300	277	160.00-170.00	166.69
9	400-500	468	150.00-162.00	157.65
16	600-700	635	123.00-129.00	124.51
2	800-900	887	119.00-119.00	119.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	165	167.00-167.00	167.00

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3					
5	500-600	535	133.00-139.00	134.26	
3	600-700	673	117.00-129.00	124.22	
Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	300-400	310	108.00-108.00	108.00	
5	400-500	446	101.00-101.00	101.00	
1	500-600	565	113.00-113.00	113.00	
Slaughter Cows					
	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1210-1660	70-74		65-69
Boner	80-85	1150-1515	70-76		78
Lean	85-90	1150-1260	64-71		60-63
Lite	85-90	800-1025	63-68		
Slaughter Bulls					
Yr	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress	
#1-2	1160-1900	92.00-97.00	100.00	88.00	
Baby Calves: 140.00-190.00 per head.					
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Chip Stewart, market specialist www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sv_ls150.txt This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.					

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Crittenden Circuit Court

Marion, KY 42064

Civil Action No. 13-CI-00009

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Legal Notice

SUMMARY OF BOND ORDINANCE

AND NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF BOND ORDINANCE

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court, at a meeting to be held on February 19, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., in the Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, proposes to give second reading to, and consider for adoption, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 (WHICH AMOUNT MAY BE DECREASED AS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE) TO REFUND AND RETIRE THE COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS (DETENTION FACILITY PROJECT), SERIES 2007 AND THE COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS FINANCING TRUST, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2008; APPROVING THE FORM OF BONDS; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS; CREATING A BOND PAYMENT FUND; AUTHORIZING AN ESCROW TRUST AGREEMENT; MAINTAINING THE HERETOFORE CREATED SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF THE BOND PUR-

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This Ordinance sets forth general rules, regulations and conditions for the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds by the County of Crittenden, Kentucky (the "County") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of: (i) refunding the County's outstanding General Obligation Improvement Bonds (Detention Facility Project), Series 2007; (ii) refunding the County's outstanding Lease Agreement, by and between the County and the Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Trust, dated February 13, 2008; and (iii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. Provisions are made for the authorization and issuance of the Bonds; for the application of the proceeds of the Bonds; for the establishment of a Bond Payment Fund; authorizing an Escrow Trust Agreement; authorizing a Lease Agreement as an alternative to the Bonds; and for certain covenants of the County with respect to the Bonds. The Bonds are to be sold at advertised, public sale in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The Bonds are to bear interest, payable at such rates and on the interest payments dates as shall be established upon their sale.

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Royalty crowned at CCHS homecoming

Kaitlin Binkley was crowned queen Friday alongside Gus Heidrich, who was chosen as king of the basketball homecoming court. The entire court (from left) includes freshmen Dylan Hicks and Kali Travis, juniors Taylor Champion and Ashley Cooper, seniors

Bobby Knox and Stacie Hearrell, seniors Binkley and Heidrich, seniors Ellen Merrick and Ethan Hill, sophomores Danielle Byarley and Noah Dickerson and 2012 King Keaton Shuecraft. The flower girl and boy are Halle Hackney and Brady Belt.

Binkley and Heidrich were announced as queen and king between the girls' and boys' games against St. Mary. The Lady Rockets were defeated 45-21 and the Rockets were also dispatched by a score of 64-48.

USPS to cut Saturday mail as of August

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The U.S. Postal Service will stop delivering mail on Saturdays but continue to deliver packages six days a week under a plan aimed at saving about \$2 billion, the struggling agency says.

In an announcement last week, the service said the Saturday mail cutback would begin in August.

The move accentuates one of the agency's strong points—package delivery has increased by 14 percent since 2010, officials say, while the delivery of letters and other mail has declined with the increasing use of e-mail and other Internet use.

Under the new plan, mail would still be delivered to post office boxes on Saturdays. Post offices now open on Saturdays would remain open on Saturdays.

Monday holiday shuts fed offices

Monday is Presidents' Day, and all federal offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. No mail will run, so Early Birds should be expected a day late. Meantime, city, county and state offices will all remain open Monday as usual.

88 Dip burglarized over weekend

STAFF REPORT

The 88 Dip restaurant was burglarized at some point after closing Friday night, but Marion Police Department believes they solved the case the next day.

Laura Jean Wallhead, 29, of Travis Street was arrested Saturday and charged with third-degree burglary, theft and third-degree criminal mischief. As of Tuesday she was still lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

A second suspect was

charged Sunday. Eric Scoles, who police described as Wallhead's boyfriend, is charged with complicity to third-degree burglary.

Scoles was charged after Marion police received a tip that a man wearing a camouflage coat was digging in a field near Mapleview Cemetery. At the time, Police were looking for a jail escapee, whom they believed might be dressed in camouflage. So, they quickly went to check out the report. Turns out it was Scoles, whom police said

had a large amount of cash on his person and was indeed digging a hole in a field as it was raining. They were suspicious and took several items Scoles had with him as evidence.

Police think Wallhead, who had been employed at the 88 Dip for about two weeks, went there after the restaurant closed Friday night and gained entry through a window on the west side of the building. Once inside, they think she went to a place in the restaurant where the

daily receipts were kept overnight. That hiding place was known only to employees.

According to the warrant charging Wallhead, the Dip was missing about \$1,700 in cash, coins and checks. When police executed the warrant on Saturday, they found at Wallhead's residence a money bag and checks written to the 88 Dip.

She was jailed and Scoles was arrested the following day. Scoles was taken to the jail, but he later made bond.

LAWS

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county ABC license fees.

"Since Crittenden County has a fourth-class city (Marion), the fiscal court could impose the...regulatory license fee."

Like Crittenden County, Trigg County has only one incorporated city, Cadiz, which is also a fourth-class city.

2. According to Wade White, judge-executive and ABC administrator for Lyon County—where countywide alcohol sales were approved last month—both the City of Marion and Crittenden Fiscal Court would be able to establish their own ordinances and regulatory fees related to liquor sales. Those fees could be "a percentage rate reasonably estimated to fully reimburse the cost of additional policing, regulatory and administrative expenses," reads KRS 243.075. Those funds, however, could free up general fund monies for other municipal projects.

3. Should the sale of liquor be approved, the judge-executive would by law become the county's ABC administrator, unless he were to designate another person for that role.

4. The City of Marion could

potentially generate even more revenue through its 3-percent restaurant and lodging tax, should receipts increase at Marion restaurants due to the sale of alcoholic beverages. That money, however, could only be used by Marion Tourism Commission. In addition to current receipts, that could amount to a hefty sum.

"We took in a little over \$193,000 in (Fiscal Year) 2011-12 on the restaurant and lodging tax," Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said.

5. In 2011-12, state alcoholic beverage taxes raised \$118.3 million, or 1.3 percent of general fund revenue, according to a study by The Courier-Journal of Kentucky's past budgets.

6. If voters were to approve alcohol sales in Crittenden County, unless the city council or fiscal court were to amend the hours of operation, restaurants and retail package stores could not sell alcoholic beverages between midnight and 6 a.m. Sunday sales would be prohibited.

7. Because the county does not contain a city of at least third-class status, bars would not be permitted. Only restaurants seating 100 people or more and deriving half of their revenue from food sales could

sell alcohol by the drink.

8. Based on population, only four retail package liquor stores could be licensed in Crittenden County.

9. The number of qualifying restaurants offering alcohol by the drink and retail outlets selling beer are not limited by population quotas.

10. Beer licenses may be issued to stores that sell gas so long as the store maintains an inventory of \$5,000 worth of food, groceries and related products.

11. Retail package sales of distilled spirits or wine are not permitted in grocery or convenience stores. They are permitted in drug stores with a pharmacist on staff. Licenses for package sales are generally restricted to outlets within an incorporated city.

12. Thirty-eight counties in Kentucky are dry, more than in any other state. Arkansas has 37 counties where the sale of alcohol is illegal. Together, the two states account for about two-thirds of all dry counties in the nation.

13. After Prohibition was

repealed with ratification of the 21st Amendment in 1933, all Kentucky counties were wet by default. Many subsequently voted to prohibit the sale of alcohol.

In September 1936, according to research by county historian Brenda Underdown, residents of Crittenden County overwhelmingly chose to go dry by a vote of 1,705 to 398. The next local option election 64 years later failed to overturn that ruling.

14. Of the 737 Kentucky highway fatalities recorded in 2012, 140 involved the suspected use of alcohol. The year prior, 125 of 715 fatalities were tied to alcohol.

15. According to Kentucky State Police data for 2011, there were 37 DUI arrests in Crittenden County and 62 in Webster County. Both are dry counties. Meantime, in Lyon County, where alcohol-by-the-drink at restaurants has been legal for more than a decade, there were 48 arrests. In the fully-wet counties of Union and Trigg, there were 178 and 147, respectively.



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